Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Nov 2021 at 14:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for decidedly wintry conditions over the next couple of days and for a transition to less cold weather through early next week. Some uncertainty in the details of snowfall on Friday, however.

Headline for Friday 26 Nov 2021: Winter conditions. Bitterly cold, frequent snowfall and dangerous winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Nov 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
>95%	80%	80%	70%	80%	90%	70%	40%

Forecast for Friday 26 Nov 2021

Weather: Cold northwest winds will bring frequent and heavy snow showers across all ranges through morning and these are likely to merge into several hours of snowfall through late afternoon and evening. Snow will fall across all areas above around 200-300m, with lower levels and coasts seeing rain, sleet or hail. Skies clearing through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% early and late, otherwise almost no chance.

Visibility: Fleeting cloud breaks through morning and later in the evening will afford some distant views of nearby ranges but otherwise, visibility will be highly variable. Passing snow showers, and later more persistent snowfall will lead to blizzard conditions and almost no visibility. Cloud bases as low as 300m at times, and widely extensive above 500m from late morning. Cloud breaking through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	49/62 W	40/50 W	36/45 NW	39/50 NW	47/61 NW	54/70 NW	61/81 N	59/78 N	53/71 N
900	35/47 W	24/34 NW	22/31 NW	26/37 NW	30/42 NW	34/48 NW	39/57 N	35/52 N	32/48 N
600	39/49 W	28/37 W	25/32 NW	30/39 NW	33/45 NW	40/54 NW	49/67 N	41/58 NE	35/51 N
300	23/34 W	19/30 NW	15/23 NW	15/23 NW	20/31 NW	25/40 NW	29/45 N	24/39 N	22/36 N
Glen	16/34 W	12/29 W	10/24 NW	9/24 NW	17/35 NW	22/44 NW	25/50 N	21/44 N	18/39 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-11	-2/-12	-4/-13	-6/-16	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-7/-20	-8/-20
900	1/-6	0/-7	-1/-8	-3/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-14
600	3/-4	3/-4	1/-6	-1/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-11	-1/-10	-2/-11
300	6/1	5/0	3/-2	1/-4	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	0/-6
Glen	8/4	7/4	5/2	4/0	3/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-2	3/-3
Freezing Level*	1200m	900m	700m	400m	300m	300m	400m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Serious winter conditions. Wind speeds up to 90mph are possible on the most exposed ground later in the day. Mean speeds shown glen level look too low by 10-20mph.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Weather: A cold, snowy start with clear skies across the south. Northerly winds continue to feed very cold air across all ranges, with snow showers occasionally affecting Glencoe and the Nevis range, as well as Mull, but with some long bright or sunny spells between these, and almost unbroken sunshine further south. Strong winds will slowly ease through afternoon and showers will fade through evening.

Maximum wind: North 30-40 gusting 50mph initially, easing to 20-25 gusting 35mph through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% south, 70% north.

Visibility: Generally very good with distant winter vistas on offer, but passing showers will bring whiteout conditions to the northern ranges at times. Long clear spells into the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 to 4 Celsius rising to plus 2 or 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Around minus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 100-200m.

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